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### III. Licensing, Taxation, and Registration

#### B. Drivers or Operators

##### 1. In General

## § 100. Drivers or operators; generally

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The legislature is permitted to place conditions on the privilege to drive on the state's highways and roads.<sup>1</sup> As such, statutes have been enacted in the states requiring drivers or operators of motor vehicles to obtain a license as a condition of the right to drive on the public highways.<sup>2</sup> Such statutes are designed to promote safe driving and to protect the traveling public.<sup>3</sup>

Licensing requirements are to be liberally construed so that the greatest force and effect may be given them.<sup>4</sup>

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#### Footnotes

1 *Staggs v. Director of Revenue*, 223 S.W.3d 866 (Mo. Ct. App. W.D. 2007).

2 *City of Miami v. Aronovitz*, 114 So. 2d 784 (Fla. 1959); *City of Cincinnati v. Wright*, 77 Ohio App. 261, 33 Ohio Op. 23, 47 Ohio L. Abs. 89, 67 N.E.2d 358 (1st Dist. Hamilton County 1945); *Taylor v. State*, 151 Tex. Crim. 568, 209 S.W.2d 191 (1948).

As to civil liability arising from a driver's failure to comply with such statutes, see §§ 717 to 720.

3 *Wysock v. Borchers Bros.*, 104 Cal. App. 2d 571, 232 P.2d 531, 29 A.L.R.2d 948 (1st Dist. 1951); *State, Dept. of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety v. Miles*, 111 Nev. 681, 895 P.2d 1316 (1995); *State ex rel. Schwartz v. Kennedy*, 1995-NMSC-069, 120 N.M. 619, 904 P.2d 1044 (1995); *Gaebel v. New York State Dept. of Motor Vehicles*, 43 Misc. 3d 185, 976 N.Y.S.2d 816 (Sup 2013); *State v. Ceasar*, 2010 OK CR 15, 237 P.3d 792 (Okla. Crim. App. 2010).

